

Carey Sets \$1,000,000 Expansion

William Carey College has announced a one million dollar expansion program. The announcement was released by Wiley Fairchild, chairman of the Board of Trustees of the college, and by Dr. J. Ralph Noonkester, president.

Paul McMullan, president of First Mississippi National Bank, will serve as general chairman in the fund-raising effort which will provide the \$1,000,000.

He will be assisted by Hattiesburg

businessman John D. Thomas, leadership participation chairman. Thomas is president of Thomas-owned, Hattiesburg-based, Gibson Discount Centers of Mississippi, Alabama, and Louisiana and is a member of the William Carey College Board of Trustees.

Mr. McMullan and Mr. Thomas will be assisted in general leadership by Mr. Fairchild.

The one million dollars in new gifts to Carey College will provide

a renovated Administrative and Humanities Center in Tatum Court and a new building to house the growing Business Administration School.

The fund raising effort, to be conducted April through June, 1973, among friends of the college in Hattiesburg and vicinity and among the Carey alumni, has been approved by the Hattiesburg area Chamber of Commerce and by the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

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FMB Adjusts Support Funds; Eulogizes Slain Missionary

RICHMOND (BP)—The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board meeting here approved a \$158,250 adjustment of funds for emergency compensation for mission work in 31 countries, and eulogized a Baptist missionary slain a few days earlier in Taiwan.

The \$158,250 adjustment in missions support was a move to offset the most

recent U.S. dollar devaluation and its resultant financial pressures on mission efforts.

Board action followed a report last month by executive secretary Baker J. Cauthen in which he explained the ramifications of dollar devaluation on the purchasing power of mission dollars overseas.

An atmosphere of sorrow and prayerful concern pervaded the March meeting of the board as it learned details of the murder of one of their missionaries, Miss Gladys Hopewell, in Tainan, Taiwan.

Much of the meeting was taken up with news of her death and prayers in behalf of her family and missionary colleagues in Taiwan. A memorial resolution was adopted which said in part:

"To her aged mother and her brother, Joseph, of Talledega, Ala., her home church, the Taiwan Baptist Convention, her missionary associates in Tainan and the Christians of Taiwan, we extend our prayerful sympathies and deepest concerns. May all know afresh the sustaining and

strengthening grace of God in this time of overwhelming sorrow."

In his report, Cauthen eulogized the slain missionary, saying, "Gladys Hopewell was a missionary of outstanding dedication and effectiveness. She demonstrated through the years of her service high qualities of devotion to Christ and concern for people with whom she was related."

He added that he hoped the witness of her life and death would impress upon the hearts of many people "the love of Christ which he demonstrated in going to the cross to die for our sins."

Cauthen added: "We also pray that many hearts may become aware of the fact that a comrade has fallen in Christian service and that others need to step forward to fill the place left vacant."

In other reports to the board, Winston Crawley, director of the board's Overseas Division, said, "for six straight years the amount of Southern Baptist giving used for mission purposes (local, state, home and foreign) has been declining."

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Miss Ethel McKeithen

Worker Replaced In State WMU

Miss Ethel McKeithen, educational director at Temple Church, Hattiesburg, has resigned her position there to become Baptist Women Director for the Mississippi Baptist Woman's Missionary Union.

Miss Marjean Patterson, executive secretary-treasurer of the Woman's Missionary Union, said Miss McKeithen's new assignment would become effective May 1.

Miss Patterson also said that Miss McKeithen would be filling the position she herself held for several years before she was elevated to her present position as executive secretary-treasurer in May of 1971.

Miss McKeithen is a native of Meridian, the daughter of Mrs. W. M. McKeithen and the late Mr. McKeithen.

Miss McKeithen is a graduate of the Meridian Junior College and later was graduated from Delta State College, Cleveland, where she was the recipient of the Broom Memorial Scholarship given by the Exchange Club of Mississippi.

She also received the WMU scholarship to attend Southern Seminary at Louisville, Ky., and while there she served the Highland Church in the area of religious education.

She has served as minister of education at Southside and Calvary

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Three State TV Stations To Carry SBC Program

Three TV stations in the state will carry the first production of "Spring Street USA," the SBC nationally televised evangelism series, all on Sunday, April 1. They are: Hattiesburg, WDAM-TV, Ch. 7, 7:30 - 8:00 a.m.; Greenwood, WAGD-TV, Ch. 6, 8-8:30 a.m., and Jackson, WAPT-TV, Chn. 16, 1-1:30 p.m., according to Timerite. In photo Pat Boone, after a guest appearance, answers a question from a man in the studio audience.

Owen Cooper To Be Honored By State Religious Group

The Mississippi Religious Leadership Conference will honor Owen Cooper, of Yazoo City, at its annual meeting March 31 in Jackson, for his leadership role at the national level.

Cooper is president of the Southern Baptist Convention and the first layman in 13 years to serve as president of that 11.8-million-member convention, the largest Evangelical-Protestant denomination in the country.

Cooper, who is president of the Mississippi Chemical Corporation, Yazoo City, is an active member and deacon of the First Baptist Church of Yazoo City and has long been active in both religious and civic affairs.

He has served as chairman of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, a 60-member

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Student Conference Ready Apr. 4-6 At Camp Garaywa

The annual Mississippi Baptist Student Leadership Training Conference will be held at Camp Garaywa April 4-6.

Miss Merrie Coburn, student at Mississippi State College for Women, Columbus, president, will preside.

Local Baptist Student Union officers from 30 schools and colleges in the state are expected to attend, according to Rev. Ralph B. Winders, Jackson, director of the Department of Student Work of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, sponsor.

The principal out-of-state speakers will be Hal Machat, BSU director, University of Houston, at Houston, Texas, and Shelley P. Richardson, BSU director, Birmingham, Ala.

Workshop leaders from out-of-state will be Lonnie Hayter, associate BSU director, Baylor University, Waco, Texas, and Dr. Sam Sanford, BSU director, Northeast Louisiana University, Monroe.

Dr. Macklyn T. Hubbell, pastor First Baptist Church, Cleveland, will

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Sam Sanford



Shelley Richardson



Hal Machat



Lonnie Hayter

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Portland, Oregon, Host SBC City, Has 500,000 People

Portland, Oregon, host city for the 1973 meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, June 12-14, is a city of a half-million people. Mt. Hood, 11,245 feet high and snow-

covered year round, is 62 miles away. — (BP) Photo Courtesy Portland Chamber of Commerce.

First, Jackson, With 204 Baptisms, Leads State In '72

The First Baptist Church of Jackson, Dr. Larry Rohrman, pastor, with a total of 204, led all the churches of the state in the number of baptisms for 1972.

Rev. Roy Colum, secretary of the Evangelism Department of the State Convention Board, said that nine churches in the state reported more than 100 baptisms for the year.

In second place was Central Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, Rev. Charles Williams, pastor, with 203 while in third position was Colonial Hills Baptist Church, Southaven, Rev. J. D. Nazary, pastor, with 178.

The fifty leading churches in the number of baptisms for 1972 were released by the Department of Evangelism and are carried below. Mr. Colum said that the figures were compiled by his department and obtained from the 1972 Associational letters.

In the listing below there were several ties and attention of the readers is being called to his fact:

Church	Pastor	Resident Membership	Baptisms
1 First, Jackson	Dr. Larry Rohrman	3,535	204
2 Central, Hattiesburg	Rev. Charles Williams	1,500	203
3 Colonial Hills, Southaven	Rev. J. D. Nazary	912	178
4 Broadmoor, Jackson	Dr. David Grant	2,869	169
5 Parkway, Jackson	Dr. Bill Causey	2,558	123
6 Harrisburg, Tupelo	Dr. Robert Hamblin	1,591	112
7 Ridgeland	Rev. Jerry Odom	509	107
8 Pineview, Moss Point	Rev. Pete Jackson	518	104
9 First, Bay St. Louis	Rev. Perry Neal	508	102
10 First, Horn Lake	Rev. Billy Roby	659	99
11 Oak Forest, Jackson	Rev. Tom Hudson	1,257	84
12 Gulfport Heights	Rev. Lester McNair	199	83
13 First, Gulfport	Dr. John Traylor	1,883	83
14 First, Columbia	Dr. Howard Aultman	1,643	82
15 First, Meridian	Dr. Beverly Tinnin	1,479	79
16 First, New Albany	Rev. W. F. Evans	980	73

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Miss Thelma Fay Williamson

Replacement Named In S. S. Department

Miss Thelma Faye Williamson, children's director, first through sixth grades of Broadmoor Church, Jackson, for the past four years, has resigned that post to become an associate in the Sunday School Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, effective April 16.

Dr. W. Douglas Hudson, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, in making the announcement, said that Miss Williamson will replace Miss

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Graham Conducts First Crusade In South Africa

DURBAN, South Africa — "Only Jesus Christ can solve the problems of individual South Africans, of their nation and the world," Evangelist Billy Graham told over 45,000 at his first appearance in this nation.

In preaching before the record crowd at Kings Park Rugby Stadium here the American added still another country to the list of those in which he has preached the Gospel of Christ. In attending, persons from all races and social conditions turned a new page in the history of their country. Organizers of the meeting had met the world famed evangelist's conditions for preaching any country — the condition that all persons of all races be welcomed and allowed to sit where they choose. In newspaper and broadcast interviews earlier in the day he reiterated his opposition to apartheid.

In a nation known for its strict separation of races (Continued on page 3)

Suspect In Hopewell Case Is Apparent Suicide Victim

TAINAN, Taiwan (BP) — The body of a Chinese cook who was sought in the strangulation murder of his employer, missionary Gladys Hopewell, was found March 21, on the roof of the missionary's residence in Tainan, Taiwan.

The cook, husband of Miss Hopewell's maid, had been sought by police since the missionary's body was discovered in her home March 11.

Police have attributed the man's death to suicide. An empty bottle of insecticide was found next to his body, which apparently had been on the roof several days.

According to an Associated Press report, police stated that the discovery of the man's body has closed their investigation of the murder. No motive for the crime has been established.

Miss Hopewell's body was scheduled to arrive in Talladega, Ala., by March 23.

A funeral service was tentatively set for 3:00 p.m. March 25 at First Baptist Church there. James D. Belote and J. Winston Crawley of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board will participate in the service. Burial is to be in the Pine Hill Cemetery, Talladega.

Two memorial services were held in Taiwan, the first on March 15, at the Tainan student center Miss Hopewell directed.

Belote also participated in that service. Eulogies were presented by Miss Marie Conner, missionary colleague of Miss Hopewell, and Wang Dzal, professor at the nearby university.

Wang, a long-time friend of Miss Hopewell, had often assisted her by preaching at the student center chapel and by leading prayer meetings and Bible study there.

The second service, held at the Hwaining Street Baptist Church, Taipei, on March 18, was attended by the U. S. ambassador to Taiwan, his wife, representatives of various mission groups, and a deacon from Grace Baptist Church, Bangkok, Thailand, where Miss Hopewell served as an evangelistic worker before transferring to Taiwan.



Murdered In Taiwan

TAINAN, Taiwan — Gladys Hopewell, 57, a Southern Baptist missionary to Taiwan for 19 years, was found strangled in her apartment in Tainan, on March 11. The Hopkins County, Ky., native had been dead about three hours when her maid and a university student discovered her body. (RNS Photo)



Doug Hall, (right) presents Owen Cooper with a check to pay the cost of building a church at the new Honduras village being spear-headed by Mr. Cooper. The money, a special retirement gift for Mr. Cooper, was donated by the Mississippi Chemical Corporation field sales staff. Mr. Hall, director of field sales for MCC, said that Jerry Clower deserved special recognition for "putting the fund over the top." The church will be erected on a 600-acre island where Mr. Cooper and other Yazooans are helping build a model community for members of the Miskito Indian tribe.

Honduras Church Donated As Retirement Memorial

Owen Cooper, retiring president of Mississippi Chemical Corporation, received an unusual gift from the firm's salesmen last week — a new church located on a 600-acre island in remote Honduras. The church, which will serve the semi-primitive Miskito Indians located there in Eastern Honduras, will be one of the focal points of a model village, which Mr. Cooper is helping build. In addition to this donated Baptist church, the new community called "Yazoo, Honduras" will include a store, a school and improved housing for its Miskito Indian citizens.

Mr. Cooper's dream of "Yazoo, Honduras" is being promoted by the First Baptist Church of Yazoo City, Miss., and has won the support of a wide range of Yazoo County citizens.

Engineers Owen Cook and Bob Conger of Yazoo City recently returned from 10-day stay in Yazoo, Honduras, where they helped guide construction efforts. This week, engineers James Vandever and W. C. Dorris left Yazoo on the 1200-mile trip to the Honduras Island to continue the work.

Cornersville Plans World Mission Conference

The Cornersville Church will participate in a World Missions Conference April 1 through April 4.

The conference will open on Sunday morning at 11 with Rev. C. T. Broughton, missionary to Malaysia as speaker. Then each night, Sunday through Wednesday, at 7:30 p.m., a different missionary will be speaking, including workers from five different mission fields.

Cornersville Church and the pastor, Rev. Otto Farr, extends an invitation to the public.

Seminary To Continue Work At Tel Aphek

In cooperation with Tel Aviv University, New Orleans Seminary is sponsoring its second season of excavation at Tel Aphek (Rosh Ha-Ayin), near Tel Aviv, during the months of June and July.

According to Dr. George L. Kelm, associate professor of archaeology at New Orleans Seminary and co-director of the excavation, "Last year's excavations at the 25-acre tel revealed continuous occupation of the site from approximately 5,000 B. C. to modern times."

In addition to illustrating the richness of international cultural interchange with recovery of artifacts originating in Egypt, Mesopotamia, Cyprus and Crete, the first season's work also uncovered a portion of the fortification system, some industrial installations and the courtyard of what seems to have been a major administrative center during the early part of

the Middle Bronze II (Patriarchal) period.

While work will continue in the areas producing Bronze Age remains, Dr. Kelm indicated, a new section of the site will be excavated which hopefully will assist in clarifying the nature of the Iron Age occupation at the town when the Philistines used Aphek as a military staging area for their battles with the Israelites.

The excavation, scheduled from June 18 to August 1 will involve a volunteer work force of 125 and an archaeological supervisory staff of 25. Volunteers will include laymen and students interested in gaining a first-hand understanding of archaeological methods and techniques, who will be eligible for up to six hours of undergraduate or graduate credit through participation in the total work-study program.

Dr. Moshe Kochavi, assistant professor of archaeology at Tel Aviv University, will work with Dr. Kelm as co-director of the excavation program, which will be preceded by three weeks of travel and study, featuring a four-day cruise of the Aegean including visits to the Island of Patmos and Ephesus on the Turkish mainland. The total program is planned to provide a basic understanding of the historical and cultural background of Bible times.

Persons interested in the program should contact Dr. George L. Kelm, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, 3939 Gentilly Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70126.

The use of money is all the advantage there is in having it.

Don't criticize the Bible; let the Bible criticize you.

Replacement Named - -

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Carolyn Madison, who will retire March 31 after serving 32½ years in the department.

Rev. Bryant M. Cummings, director of the department, said that Miss Williamson will serve as Preschool, Kindergarten-Day Care associate.

Miss Williamson resigned her position at Broadmoor Church on March 18.

She is a graduate of Tift College, Forsyth, Ga., with a B.A. degree, majoring in religion and English, and also holds an M.R.E. degree from New Orleans Seminary, majoring in children's work.

She is a native of Ellenwood, Ga., the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Williamson.

She was previously kindergarten and elementary director for First Church, Bogalusa, La.

Miss Williamson has also served as secretary to Dr. W. H. Souther at New Orleans Seminary.

She served as summer missionary to New Mexico in 1963 and formerly served as church secretary at Rock Baptist Church, Rex, Ga.

Miss Williamson has also been a special worker for both the Sunday School and Training Union departments of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Dr. W. L. Compere Elected Officer, Miss. Assoc. Of Colleges, Universities

Dr. W. L. Compere, president of Clarke College, was elected vice-president of the Mississippi Association of Colleges and Universities at the fifty-second annual meeting of the Association, held in Jackson on Monday, March 19. Dr. Compere succeeds Dr. E. Harold Fisher who was elevated to the presidency at this meeting.

Membership in the association is

composed of those colleges and universities accredited by the Council on Study and Accreditation of Institutions of Higher Learning of the Mississippi Association of Colleges.

As vice-president, Dr. Compere will serve as a member of the Executive Committee, working with the president, Dr. E. Harold Fisher of Blue Mountain, and the secretary-treasurer, Mr. George V. Moody, of the State Department of Education.

A primary responsibility of the Executive Committee is the planning of the program for the Junior-Senior Conference, held each year in the fall. The meeting is scheduled this year for October 1 and 2, and will be held at Meridian Junior College. Additionally, the Executive Committee is charged with the program and planning for the annual meeting of the Association, scheduled for March each year.

During the past year Dr. Compere has served the Association in two important areas: He was Chairman of the Necrology Committee for the Association and this responsibility entailed research and reporting. Additionally, he was Chairman of the Visitation Committee which conducted the survey of Natchez Junior College on behalf of the Council on Study and Accreditation. This work was only recently completed.

Worker Replaced - - -

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Churches, Meridian; First, Winfield, La.; Broadmoor, Jackson; First, Greenville; First, Columbus, and has been at Temple, Hattiesburg for eight years.

A charter member of the Mississippi Baptist Religious Education Association, she served two terms as secretary of the association, vice-president in 1971-72 and president 1972-73.

She has taught at Kittiwake and Gulfshore Baptist Assemblies and has served on the faculty of many Bible School clinics, enlargement campaigns and workshops sponsored by the State Baptist Sunday School Department and Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

Temple Church gave her a trip to the Holy Land last fall.

Release Of Prisoners

By Ch. Cpt. E. E. Maples

Those who have watched the return of the POWs on television recently probably never witnessed a more emotion-packed event in history. What a thrill it was to view the return of these men who had been held captives for so many years. Our minds are not totally capable of imagining what horrors these men endured. The news of their possible freedom some days ago buoyed their spirits and the prison camps where they were being detained became rampant with the excitement of being released.

And then to observe them as they walked down that airplane ramp was a joy without equal. Their release was indeed an answer to prayer.

As thrilling as this experience was and continued to be as more men were released, a thrill

greater than that can be experienced by each of us. For once we too were held captives by Satan. His chains were stronger than any barbed-wire POW compound. His power was more persuasive than any enemy interrogation room. And he never once sought to negotiate our release to another person.

For those of us who have trusted Christ as our Savior, we can testify to the gladness that we felt when we were captured from the prison-house of sin and walked into the freedom of God's new land.

Now that we've been released, let us share this same sense of excitement with others and demonstrate our thankfulness to God that He has saved us and is leading us to a land that flows with milk and honey — our eternal home.



Workmen at the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission in Fort Worth erect a red, white and blue sign expressing the feelings of most Americans about the cease-fire in Southeast Asia and the return of POWs and GIs. Most of the servicemen were able to hear either the Commission-produced "Country Crossroads," or "Powerline," on the Armed Forces Radio service.—Radio-TV Commission Photo

First, Jackson, With 204 Baptisms

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17 Carriage Hills	Rev. J. B. Miller	750	69
McDowell Road	Rev. John Hibun	1,048	69
19 Mt. Zion (Lowndes)	Rev. David Skinner	420	68
20 Emmanuel (Washington)	Rev. Hugh A. Martin	516	67
21 Calvary, Pascagoula	Rev. Byron Mathis	1,100	66
22 Goodyear, Picaune	Rev. Arlis Grice	848	65
23 Center Hill (DeSoto)	Rev. Gail Burbeck	195	64
24 First, Greenwood	Rev. Clifton Perkins	1,387	64
25 First, Biloxi	Rev. Frank Gunn	1,084	63
Fairview, Columbus	Rev. Luther Litchfield	902	63
27 Midway, Jackson	Rev. W. Preston Benton	1,113	61
First, Pascagoula	Rev. Clark McMurray	1,369	61
Verona	Dr. Paul Wilson	575	61
30 Rocky Creek (George)		660	60
Escatawpa	Rev. Ralph Young	564	60
Immanuel, Columbus	Dr. Horace Fair	436	58
Parkview, Greenville	Rev. R. W. Dorsey	570	58
34 Parkway, Natchez	Rev. Fred Robertson	816	57
35 Emmanuel (Gulf Coast)	Rev. Robert E. Self	340	55
Calvary, Meridian	Rev. Otis Seal	1,143	55
Southside (Washington)	Rev. S. B. Boyette	581	55
38 Oakhurst, Clarksdale	Dr. F. K. Horton	1,450	53
39 Bay Vista, Biloxi	Rev. Allen Stephens	414	52
Calvary (Lebanon)	Rev. Emmett Boone	441	52
Emmanuel, Starkville	Dr. Raymond Lyons	138	52
42 First, Long Beach	Dr. Gail Debor	1,129	51
43 Hernando, First	Rev. W. E. Corkern	502	50
Southern Hills, Jackson	Rev. David Cranford	601	50
45 Morrison Heights, Clinton	Rev. Charles Gentry	1,216	49
Ridgcrest, Jackson	Dr. Earl Kelly	1,323	49
Temple, Hattiesburg	Rev. Kermit McGregor	1,160	49
Richland (Rankin)	Rev. Paul Williamson, Jr.	740	49
49 Calvary, Starkville	Rev. Jim Vance	585	48
Corinth (Simpson)	Rev. James Messer	309	48

"One Way Revolution" Makes Impact In North Carolina

By Mildred Tolson
Religion & Society Editor

Tommy Winders, dynamic young evangelist from Tupelo, Mississippi, led a recent ONE WAY REVOLUTION at Burkemont Baptist Church in Morganton, N. C. At the conclusion of the crusade, there were over 250 registered decisions with 146 of them being professions of faith.

What started out to be a revival in a rural church blossomed into a county-wide effort with young people coming from all over Burke County. Many of these young people have gone back to their community and joined churches there.

The ONE WAY REVOLUTION, so termed by the revival leader because of the words of Jesus in John 14:6, when He said, "I am the WAY, the TRUTH, and the LIFE," was held in an auditorium which seats 450 people and every night there were overflow crowds estimated to be over 500. According to the ushers, people were turned away several nights for lack of room.

Winders, a native of Tupelo, Mississippi, at 27 is up-to-date in conversation and moderately mod in dress. He appeals to young people, but the adults who attend the meetings go away with a fresh outlook on the youth of today. Tommy's wife, Diane, is by his side in his work. She sings "unbelievably professional."

The Burkemont ONE WAY REVOLUTION began with a Rally on Saturday night which was covered live by a local radio station, WMNC. Special singing groups came — the Voyagers of Durham, NC; a group of college

age young people who sing contemporary folk music throughout the east; the "Light and the Sound" group of Light, a quartet of college age young men from Greensboro, N. C. The auditorium was overflowing and the people continued to come night after night.

Rev. Robert Tenery, who has been pastor of Burkemont for a little over a year, provoked thought in the minds of his young churchmen, who started in their school homerooms and enlisted the aid of their friends to take a church census among students in the school they attended. The survey brought to light 214 students in the Salem Community (where Burkemont is located) who did not attend church, were not Christians by their own testimony and who had no church preference.

"On the afternoon before the Rally

that night, a witnessing team from Florida Street Baptist Church in Greensboro, N. C. came and teamed up with the Burkemont youth to visit and witness to those students they had learned were non-Christians," Rev. Tenery noted.

While in Morganton, Mr. Winders spoke in eight different high schools as well as the North Carolina School for the Deaf (Mrs. Winders sings many of her songs in sign language). During the week, there were three special services for the deaf students and 30 of them came to know Christ personally. The exposure Tommy received in the high school assemblies aided greatly in reaching the young people of that area. (Mr. Winders does an assembly program of jokes and ends with a personal invitation to attend the ONE WAY REVOLUTION).

The ONE WAY REVOLUTION was scheduled to last only five nights. Because of the overflow crowds and the response to the invitation the first few nights, the people of the church voted to extend the meeting to an eight day crusade. One deacon stated, "It would be a sin to stop what God has started."

The church leaders remarked that ONE WAY REVOLUTION was the greatest revival Burkemont Baptist Church had ever experienced, as far back as they could remember.

Burkemont Baptist Church is actively involved in following up each decision that was made during the ONE WAY REVOLUTION.

To schedule a ONE WAY REVOLUTION in your church and city, contact Tommy Winders Evangelism, Box, 1711, Tupelo, MS 38801. 601-844-4442.



Tommy Winders leads the congregation at Burkemont Church in "One Way to Real Peace through the Power of the Cross."



A familiar scene at the ONE WAY REVOLUTION as young people "come to the Cross."



Miss Bryant

Anita Bryant To Appear In Meridian Arts Festival

Anita Bryant will be in Meridian, April 7, at the Temple Theater as part of the Lively Arts Festival. She will appear at 6:45 and again at 9:15. Tickets are priced at \$5.00 for reserved seats and \$3.00 for general admission.

To order tickets by mail, write to the Meridian Lively Arts Festival, P. O. Box 790, Meridian, Ms. 39301. Indicate performance time you desire, either 6:45 or 9:15. Attach a check payable to the Meridian Lively Arts Festival and include 25c for handling.

As a top "pop" recording artist, Miss Bryant has three million selling single records to her credit. Her first record "Till There Was You," was released shortly after the Miss America pageant in 1960. From "The Music Man," the ballad became Anita's first million record seller. In the next two years, she earned two more gold records — "Paper Roses" and "My Little Corner of the World."

Anita's deep interest in religion has moved her to appear in crusades for evangelist Billy Graham and to sing sacred music to audiences throughout the world.

In June 1972, she was on program at the Southern Baptist Convention in Philadelphia. She has collaborated with Dr. Norman Vincent Peale in an album of sacred music.

Anita is the author of the three books, *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory*, *Amazing Grace*, and *Bless This House*.

In 1968, she and Billy Graham became the only people ever to appear on the podiums of both the Republican and Democratic national Conventions.

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eign) has increased at a lower rate than total giving."

Crawley's statement was made in the larger context in which he said that as resources increase, a larger and larger proportion is being used to maintain home churches (the base) rather than being used to increase mission outreach.

"According to common methods of reporting," Crawley continued, "Southern Baptists devote a total of about 17 per cent of their giving to 'mission causes.' Much of this, however, goes for preparing, maintaining and strengthening the mission base through denominational organization, services to the churches and training programs."

Crawley added that foreign missions, aimed at 95 per cent of the world's unevangelized, receives not quite four per cent of the funds and less than that percentage of personnel resources.

The Convention President Speaks

Baptist institutions are servants of the people. This is the intention of their existence and I think as a whole, they live up to the intent.

As your convention president, it was my privilege to attend the Executive Committee of the Trustees of the Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis last week. If I understand correctly, this is the largest one piece of property Baptists own. I was told while I was there that it is the largest private hospital in the world. This institution is a joint ownership between Arkansas, Tennessee, and Mississippi Baptists.

I was really impressed with the administrator, Mr. Frank Groner, and his staff. Throughout the meeting, I kept saying to myself, "These people are really dedicated to serving human beings." I was also impressed with his business acumen. There is no question in my mind but that he knows where he is going and how to get there. He does his homework in such a way that when an idea is presented, it is well received.

A few statistics were given to me that I would like to share with you. This is what they call a Service Report for February, 1973:

In Patients	4,873
Out Patients	20,119
Days of Service	43,053
Free Days	1,917
Part Free Days	1,342

Graham: First Crusade In S. Africa

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aration of the races, the evangelistic rally found black and white and brown sitting side by side, singing side by side, working as volunteers side by side, and walking down crowded aisles together to respond to the invitation to receive Christ as Savior and Lord. Half of the crowd was estimated to be non-white.

Over 3,300 left their places to stand before the platform to indicate their intention to follow Christ and let Him help solve their problems. The response was one of the largest proportionately in any meeting ever conducted by Graham.

The Rugby field which has been three-fourths filled with that portion of the congregation who could not find seats in the stadium, was completely covered with a sea of humanity after the inquirers came forward and took up the remaining space.

Local papers which had given prominent page one attention to the Graham visit said that the crowd was the largest multi-racial ever assembled in South Africa for any purpose. Never before had there been integrated seating in that stadium.

This time, the crowd in the stadium had its attention focused on an eternal conflict, not just one afternoon's contest. Graham warned his listeners that sin has everlasting effects if individuals do not turn to Christ for salvation.

He noted that the effects of sin are evident in problems around the world. "America has some of the same problems that South Africa has," the evangelist admitted.

Speaking directly to the race issue, the American preacher said even though his country has some of the strongest civil rights legislation in the world, race prejudice still exists. "The problem," he emphasized, "is the problem of the human heart."

Graham suggested that while evil was apparently more rampant, there were encouraging signs of increasing good. He cited as one such sign the response of many young people around the world to the Gospel of Christ.

He warned, however, that unless there is a great turning to Christ,

sin-steeped humanity could destroy itself by the end of this century.

On the program with the evangelist were a 1,500-voice choir of black, brown and white volunteers, musical groups from the United States and from South Africa, and ministers who prayed in Afrikaans, Zulu and English.

While there were no translators on the platform to translate the sermon into another language, a translation into Zulu was provided by a minister who heard the message through earphones and then spoke into a loud speaker system directed toward a group of Zulus.

The evangelistic rally was a featured event on the program of a multi-racial South African Congress on Evangelism and Mission, one of sev-

eral such congresses that have been held in various regions of the world. Graham, who is also speaking in sessions of the Congress, said that several of the participants in the Congress came to him afterwards with tears in their eyes to express appreciation for his part in an event they never expected to happen in South Africa.

The head of a successful company was asked recently where he got the persuasive dunning letters he had been sending to customers whose accounts were long overdue.

"I used the bits out of my son's letters when he's at college," replied the businessman.

Conscience is the only mirror that does not flatter.

Spanish Baptist Church's

Radio Program Cancelled

Alcoy, Spain (BP) — A 15-minute radio program sponsored by the Baptist church of Alcoy, Spain, has been ordered off the air, according to a report in European Baptist Press Service.

Last September, it had been suggested to Spanish stations that they no longer accept programming by Protestants, and in November the network contracts for some other evangelical groups were not renewed, the news service reported.

The 15-minute variety format program produced by the Alcoy church was last broadcast on Feb. 18. Since April of 1972, the church had offered the program over Radio Alcoy for the area's Sunday listening audience.

"Acteens Gathering" At Blue Mountain College Soon

Acteens in the northern area of Mississippi are going to have a chance to enjoy an Acteens Gathering at Blue Mountain College, April 13-14.

These girls will enjoy visiting and talking with foreign missionaries, Mrs. Charles Whitten, serving in Spain, and Mrs. James Foster, serving in The Philippines. These two ladies were col-

lege roommates when they were students at Blue Mountain College. Mrs. Dianne Smith of Saltville will direct the music for the two-day event. A fellowship will be provided by the students at Blue Mountain.

In addition to these program personnel, Miss Marjean Patterson WMU Executive Secretary, and Mrs. Barbara Taylor, Summer Camp Director,

will be present to share information and enjoy fellowship with the Acteens and leaders.

Registration fee for the Gathering is \$1 per person for Acteens and leaders and should be sent to the WMU Office, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Ms. 39205. For a weekend of Christian fun and fellowship, you "northern girls" come join us at Blue Mountain!



Whitten



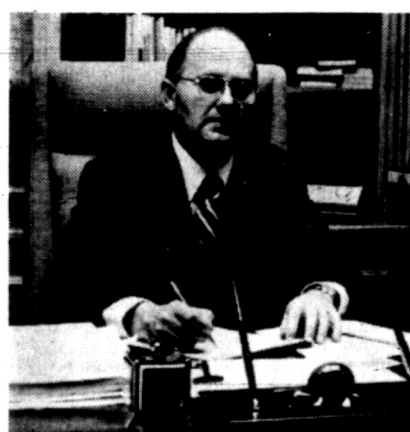
Foster

YOUR RIGHT TO KNOW

When Protection is involved Plan A will Lead the Way!

By

Darold H. Morgan



This report is the second in a series of informal messages by Darold H. Morgan, President of the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, the agency designated to administer the retirement and insurance programs for all ministers and employees of churches and agencies.

"Changes, changes, changes. You make so many changes I can't keep up." For a moment I thought one member of our Protection Program was complaining until he added: "But don't stop. Each change you make ups my benefits!"

I must confess we have made numerous changes in recent months, each one resulting in greater benefits for our members. Not only have benefits been added to make Plan A more valuable but extra credits have been given since 1970 to push retirement benefits to an all time high. The latest increase as of January 1 boosts accrued retirement credits 10% for most members in Plan A. This is the largest single increase to date and it simply means more income for each member when he retires. The increases have been made possible because of the superb performance of our investment division.

Yet, other changes are coming very soon in Plan A. All we need is approval from each state convention, since Plan A is a pooled plan among the state conventions which we administer here.

The new benefits, recommended by a special Plan A study committee, include increasing the widow benefits for members who retire after January 1, 1973 to 50% of the potential retirement benefit, and adding a Temporary Income Benefit. The latter is payable upon the death of the member during active service. It can mean as much as \$12,000 extra, depending on the age of the member at his death.

Plan A is the workhorse plan. It provides early retirement (prior to age 65), normal retirement at age 65, disability, widow (currently 40%), dependent parent, child, and education benefits. Add all these benefits, then check the cost, and it becomes apparent why Plan A must lead the way when protection is involved.

SERVING THOSE WHO SERVE THE LORD



Providing as much retirement protection as possible is our single intent. Our commitment to you is openness and fairness.

We continue to have difficulty explaining the complex, technical details of the various plans we administer. But we pledge to keep seeking a way to let each member know just what he holds and that every dollar which can be credited equitably will be given him.

We know that many ministers have protection only in Plan A. This grieves us when we realize that Plan A, great as it is, will be inadequate by itself. However, we are encouraged by the increasing number of ministers and church employees who gain extra retirement benefits through Plan B (money accumulation plan) and Plan C (variable plan).

Our efforts in the years ahead will be aimed toward informing all laymen of the need to accept a 10% total salary concept as a minimum. Only then will their pastors and church employees have adequate protection. More will be said in a future report about this.

A sage once said: "There's no hope for the satisfied man." Though we rejoice in what we have been able to do to date, we are far from being satisfied. Our objective is adequate protection for all who serve the Lord in a salaried post in a church or agency. At the same time, we will continue doing everything we can through comprehensive and extensive research to increase benefits for all plans just as we have been able to do with the pacesetter, Plan A.

If you have any question concerning Plan A or any part of our ministry, write me. We at the Board want to do our very best at all times to serve those who serve the Lord.

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Guest Editorial

Offensive Movies On Television: Next Steps

Foy Valentine, Executive Secretary
The Christian Life Commission of the
Southern Baptist Convention

The television networks for more than a year now have demonstrated their unwillingness to conduct themselves as guests should in the homes of the American people. The Christian Life Commission is therefore calling on Southern Baptists to escalate their actions to get morally offensive movies off the television screens.

In addition to visiting a vice president of the Columbia Broadcasting System in New York last week to register our strong protest to recent programming, I also went to the Federal Communications Commission and to the offices of congressional leaders in Washington to seek relief from the rising tide of filth with which the television industry is increasingly flooding the airwaves. The Christian Life Commission has also written a letter of formal protest to the Federal Communications Commission.

Instead of heeding our protests, the television people have responded by revising their so-called Television Code to fit it to their behavior. We can only conclude that up to now the National Association of Broadcasters' Television Code Seal of Good Practice is essentially meaningless. We particularly deplore the recent showing of "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" for it was notorious for its innovation in the offensive use of profanity and vulgarity. The record of networks in allegedly cleaning up such movies for television showing is absolutely abysmal.

A word of caution is required. In recent weeks many Southern Baptist

church bulletins have carried the following announcement: "CBS has announced that they will present X-Rated movies on their network unless a great number of viewers protest." As it stands, that statement is not true, for no such announcement has been made. Use of it not only compromises our credibility but also gives the networks a ready-made way to avoid the central issue of morally offensive programs as they throw up a smokescreen with a lot of talk about ratings. The issue is not ratings but the moral pollution of the airwaves. The networks have earned our opposition on this issue; but the opposition must be made on the basis of facts, not fiction.

The time has now come for a concerted effort by all concerned Southern Baptists. Here are four specific next steps:

1. Write short, clear protest letters about objectionable programs to local television station managers, asking them to protect their license from the Federal Communications Commission by rejecting offensive programs offered by the networks. Send a copy of each letter to FCC Chairman Dean Burch, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. 20554. Also send a copy to the appropriate network official: ABC President Leonard H. Goldenson, 1330 Avenue of the Americas, New York, N.Y. 10019; CBS President Frank Stanton, 51 West 52nd Street, New York, N.Y. 10019; and NBC President Julian Goodman, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, N.Y. 10020.

2. Stop buying products from sponsors who pay for morally offensive television programs; and when addresses

can be found, write these sponsors to express your convictions and tell them of the selective buying policy you are following.

3. Write Federal Communications Commissioners to express your opposition to objectionable programs, giving specific examples and calling for a license review for stations that abuse the airwaves. (The seven Commissioners are: Dean Burch, Charlotte T. Reid, Richard E. Wiley, Benjamin L. Hooks, Nicholas Johnson, Robert E. Lee, and H. Rex Lee.)

4. Write your U. S. Representative, both your Senators, and the President to express your dismay at the wholesale immorality on television, asking them to support congressional hearings to investigate and correct these abuses.

All of these actions require work. Some of them are complicated. There is no easy solution, however, to this complex problem. The issue is much too important to ignore. Neither can we afford to respond to it by just wringing our hands. Disciplined attention to these four actions can be expected to bring about change for good.

Let's Stop This Rumor

By J. Clark Hensley
Christian Action Commission

I have noted many church bulletins carrying an announcement about C.B.S. Television movies which is untrue. I checked on this upon reading it the first time and should have corrected it then (and did with the church whose bulletin I had read), but it did not occur to me how many men copied things from each other's bulletin without checking out the facts. How the story ever started, one will never know. I appreciate the alertness of our pastors, but I cannot allow this rumor to go longer without trying to give the facts.

Mr. Owens Alexander, W.J.T.V., read me a letter from a vice president of C.B.S. which states:

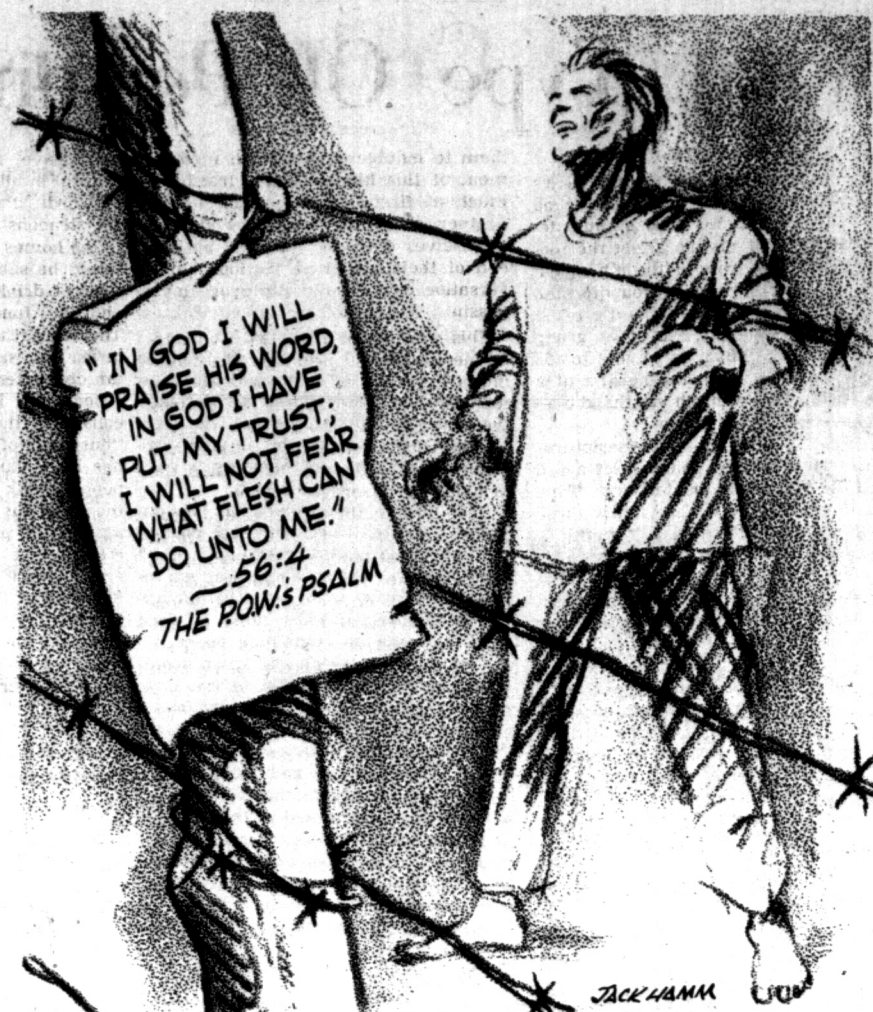
1. C.B.S. has no X or R rated movies in their inventory.

2. C.B.S. has never announced they were going to show X or R rated movies on television.

3. Television movies must be edited by the television network program committee to meet their network standards.

Each local station has the privilege of previewing the movies before they are shown and makes the final determination as to (1) whether they will show the movie, and (2) when they will show it. (I happen to know W. J. T. V. changed one program they felt should not be shown at prime viewing time for children, and on a very recent occasion, along with some other stations, registered such objection to the network that they canceled the show for the whole network.) We should add, however, that this does not mean there will not be and there are not shows with objectionable scenes to many in the viewing audience. We should continue to be alert to offensive material and should register our objection. On the other hand, let us also register appreciation for the many good things we have from the television industry.

So, register your opinion before the fact — if you have the facts. And be sure to register your opinion after the fact — with appropriate criticism or gratitude.



They Developed Faith Of Steel

THE BAPTIST FORUM

Seeks To Learn Of Other "Gospel Magicians"

Dear Dr. Odle:

Recently, during the Valentine Banquet season, I received numerous requests to present the Gospel in Magic which I could not accept. I had a full schedule for two weeks. Many of these pastors and youth workers asked if I knew of someone else who might come for their Christian entertainment at their banquet. I did not know of anyone else even though I know there are many in our state who could and would like to have had the opportunity.

I would like very much to hear from the Gospel magicians as well as clowns, ventriloquists, masters of ceremony, and any others with unusual talent for Christian entertainment who would be available for revivals, youth meetings, retreats, and various other meetings. These do not have to be ministers, but any man, woman, boy or girl that is interested in being used in a greater way for the Lord.

There is a possibility we might organize a Christian Entertainment Group or at least make available a list of the talent available in the various locations of the state to the churches.

I believe there are many pastors, ministers of youth, musician and education who would appreciate a list of those available.

Gace Baptist Church
Rt. 2, Box 162
Vicksburg, Ms. 39180

Is Grateful To Creatures That Provide Food

Editor:

Regarding "Beyond The Ironing Board," Baptist Record, March 8, on hog killing and turkey cooking, I am amazed at Fancher's failure to mention thankfulness to the pig or turkey that must die or to the Creator for providing creatures for the nourishment of our bodies and gratification of our tastes.

She says she is glad technological advances make it unnecessary to build a fire under a washpot in the backyard and that she can get a turkey oven-ready. I too am glad today I can buy oven-ready food, but too many people buy oven-ready meat and never think of the killing process. My grandfather was more reverent about the animals he killed for food precisely because he killed a fellow creature of God.

To preserve or restore health, Albert Schweitzer killed animals, insects, bacteria, etc. Yet held reverence for all living things. Next time she writes about the delicacies of pork tenderloin, etc., permit at least one sentence to express thankfulness to the living creature that was killed.

John F. Jackson
Biloxi, Miss.

Says Abortion Question Is Simple

Dear Sir:

What in the world are some otherwise sensible, thoughtful people thinking of?

One doesn't have to ramble or roam . . . up and down . . . around and over . . . or through and among . . . the hundreds of theories, thought patterns, opinions, etc. concerning abortion.

WHEN DELIBERATE ABORTION OCCURS, SOMEBODY HAS BEEN DELIBERATELY KILLED.

Read Exodus 20:13.

It's as simple as that.

And you can't distort it or butter it up.
Macon, Miss. 39341.
Broox Sledge



A Woman's World Reaches Far

Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

I have now been to movies of all ratings, from G to X. An X-rated movie is one of those things I wouldn't believe if I hadn't seen it with my own eyes.

Several years ago I got into an argument with another preacher's wife about the sordid novels which were current bestsellers, none of which I had read, incidentally. She insisted the books under discussion were simply realistic and should not be criticized.

I thought, maybe I am getting old-fogeyish in my middle age. . . maybe I'd best quit spouting off about things I don't know, including books I haven't read.

So, the next time I was far enough away from home that I thought no one would see me buy it, I grudgingly paid for a paperback copy of "one of the books we had discussed." After I read it, I wished I could challenge my friend again.

Back in the summer when there was so much comment in my town, Jackson, about X-rated movies and the advertising of them, I thought I would like to comment, too. Then I realized that I hadn't seen one.

So, we were far enough away from home in the fall that we thought nobody would see us go to the theater to see an X-rated movie. I doubt that we entered unseen, though, because in four out of five other places we went in that city, we ran into people who knew us. However, we went to the theater specifically to see an X-rated movie. Thus, I can comment with authority on at least one X-rated movie, along with three rated PG. We had decided some time ago that we should check out that particular rating so we'd know what was involved. All three movies we saw rated GP or PG showed the sex act. Since then we have exercised our parental guidance quite strongly. Our youngest, who's 14, rather wryly says, "If it isn't Walt Disney, I might as well not ask to go."

Now, for the X-rated movie we saw. It really was vile. True, the film had something to say, but the message could have been delivered in a vehicle void of the pornography which was raced rampantly back and forth across the screen.

For the Christian mind, there is no justification or rationalization of X-rated movies. . . . think on these things. I am a mature, happily married, fairly-well adjusted adult, but scenes from that movie, seen six months or so ago, still slip back into my mind. The scenes aren't pure, and they would not ever slip into my mind if I had not seen them on the screen. This in itself rules out any more X-rated movies for me.

We parents who care about the minds of our children do not have to throw in the towel, but we do have to keep our eyes wide open to know what's going on. From the Christian viewpoint on the issue of R-rated and X-rated movies, such movies simply should not exist. Christians should not support, approve, or condone them.

Possibly this is what the scripture means about "being in the world but not of the world." — Address: Box 9151, Jackson, 39206

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NEWEST BOOKS

MEDITATIONS FOR HAPPY CHRISTIANS by James P. Wesberry (Broadman, 126 pages) Jim Wesberry is, and has been for a long time, the pastor of the Morningside Baptist Church in Atlanta. Out of his long experience as a pastor who has loved and worked with his people, young and old, he has written this book of 58 brief devotional messages. They deal with many subjects, but all are positive in their approach, and all are uplifting and strengthening and victorious in their message. The presentation is fresh and appealing, the illustrations are apt, and the application is clear. The book will be a blessing just to pick up and read, or as a devotional companion, to give more than two months of daily food.

CAMPER'S NOTEBOOK, Unit 1 (Grades 1-3) Indians, and Unit 2 (Grades 4-6), Indians, by Phil and Irene Bennett; **DAY CAMPING, Counselor's Guide, Indians,** by Phil and Irene Bennett; **DAY CAMPING, Director's Guide,** by Larry Haslam (Convention Press).

These units contain valuable information for the director, counselor, and camper at a day camp for children. The director's manual tells what a day camp is, how it plan a day camp, and how to carry it out. The counselor's guide discusses in full the various types of day camps that might be held; the staff and organization of a day camp; and suggestions for activities. The campers' notebooks are full of puzzles, pictures, songs, maps, and other activities that will add to the adventure in a day camp. The unit packet from the Sunday School Board includes registration forms for the camp.

COME TO THE PARTY by Karl Olsson (Word Books, \$4.95, 178 pp.) A party was in full swing, for the prodigal son had returned. Outside in the shadows stood the older brother, jealous and angry. He had never run away. Why had he never had a party? For Karl Olsson, this scene is life in miniature. He says, "Through Jesus. . . I have discovered that I too am a child of blessing and belong at the party. And that I need never go away." This is a book about the party—the feast at the father's house Jesus has made possible. It talks about "the meaning of identity, humanity, and relationship." It talks about "the new family of blessing—the body of Christ—and the pain and beauty of being God's people." Its purpose is "to join other voices in inviting people to the party 'that the house may be full'."

HOPE FOR THE FLOWERS, words and pictures by Trina Paulus (Newman Press, 400 Sette Drive, Paramus, N. J. 07652, paperback, \$4.95, or hard cover, \$6.95)

A "contemporary adventure parable" for adults and children, this book deals with the phenomenon of change. It is about two struggling caterpillars, Stripe and Yellow, who entice us to have courage and to give voice to our inner potential. The book advocates endurance rather than escapism from the changes of today. Clearly the message is one of faith and hope, for within humankind, and within the world, these are great possibilities—just as the caterpillar is able by cocoon to become a butterfly. The hand lettering and the hand drawn sketches, with color on every page, make this a book of visual beauty.

CHRIST IN BANGLADESH by James and Marti Hefley (Harper and Row, 109 pp., \$4.95) The authors went to Pakistan and were witnesses to the shocking aftermath of one of the bloodiest civil wars in history. In this new book, the two journalists give a moving account of what hundreds of devoted missionaries have been doing in a land savagely torn apart. What has been accomplished in the name of Christianity has been inspiring. (A collection of black and white photographs add drama to the true stories.) "I am not a Christian," a Bengali is reported to have said, "but I am anti-Christian. I tell you we Bengalis feel deep respect for the missionaries. They are helping us in ways that we can see."

SHAPERS OF BAPTIST THOUGHT by James E. Tull (Judson Press, 255 pp., \$10.00.)

A study of the lives, work, and writings of nine men who helped shape Baptist's thinking. The author has done much research in seeking to introduce these men and the things they said and did. Included are John Smith, Roger Williams, Isaac Backus, Andrew Fuller, Alexander Campbell, J. R. Graves, William N. Clarke, Walter Rauschenbusch, and Martin Luther King, Jr. As can be seen from the list, here are men who influenced Baptists in their doctrines, in religious liberty, in missions, in theology, in social action, in civil rights and in other ways. The reader will not necessarily agree with the positions some of these men took, or even with the conclusions of the author concerning their work, but he will find this to be an important introduction to men whose lives have affected Baptist history.

What Type Of Person Should A Deacon Be?

By Joe M. Thomas

No other group in the church bears the responsibility of leadership which the deacons bear. No other group's decisions affect the morale of the church more profoundly than this group's decisions. No other group has as much to do with the spirit of a church as the deacons.

In the Scriptures Mr. Thomas the deacons stand next to the pastor as leaders. The qualifications of a deacon follow those of a pastor outlined in 1 Timothy 3. After describing the ideal pastor's character, Paul said, "Likewise must the deacons be..." Paul's words imply that the same high standards for the pastor apply to the deacon as well.

Paul had more to say about what kind of person the deacon ought to be than what jobs the deacon ought to do. In fact, this passage says very little directly about what a deacon ought to do. The duties of a deacon must be deduced from the kind of character he is expected to have. There are four broad categories of deacon qualifications outlined in this passage.

A Deacon Must Be A Man of Christian Character

The deacon must, first of all, be "grave" or "serious." He should be an earnest, sincere person who realizes the seriousness of his task. He must take his calling as a Christian and his work as a deacon seriously.

Paul went on to list three negative qualifications of the deacons: the deacon should not be doubletongued; he must not be given to much wine; and he must not be greedy for gain.

Most New Testament scholars see these qualifications against the background of the deacon's work. In the early church a deacon was expected to visit from house to house. As he visited, people would talk with him about the problems and the needs of the church. It was important for the welfare of the church, therefore, that the deacon be a man of integrity, a man whose word could be counted on. If he said one thing to one person and another thing to somebody else, he would scatter seeds of dissension through the whole church. It was essential that his word be an honest word, a healing word, a word wisely chosen, a true word.

It is still true that nothing is a greater test of a person's character than the way he uses his tongue. This is particularly true of a deacon. Since he stands next to the pastor, he has a peculiar responsibility. He is a man of that inner circle of church leaders who must work most closely with the pastor. The pastor entrusts himself to these men; he shares his dreams with them; he tests out his ideas on them; he discusses the problems of the church with them.

If the deacons betray the pastor's confidence, they hurt the church. If they become his critic on the streets, they hurt the church. If they say one thing in the deacons' meetings and another thing to the church members, they hurt the church. The deacons have a great responsibility to be true to one another, to the pastor, and to the church. No person should be a deacon who fails to meet this qualification.

The Scriptures also state that the deacon must "not be given to much wine." This qualification also must be seen against the background of the deacon's task of visiting the church members. In his book *Studies in Timothy*, Charles A. Trentham pointed out that wine was the common beverage of the Eastern world of the first century. It was probably served as we would serve coffee or tea to guests in our homes. Therefore, as the deacons were visiting, it would be easy for

them to indulge in too much refreshment of this kind. If they drank too much at first one house and then another, they might very well find themselves double-tongued by the end of their visitation! Serious conversation could easily slip over into gossip.

This warning of Paul takes on added meaning in our own day. The drinking of beverage alcohol has become a monster which threatens to destroy the very foundation of our society. Nothing can destroy the witness and influence of a deacon faster than the drinking of beverage alcohol.

The third qualification of a deacon is also related to his visitation work. Paul said that a deacon, like a pastor, should not be "greedy of filthy lucre." During Paul's day, as the deacons visited from house to house, they apparently received certain offerings for the church. It would have been a real temptation for the deacons to keep some of this money for themselves, especially during periods of persecution when Christians were discriminated against and denied jobs in the community. A deacon had to be a man who could withstand this kind of temptation. Likewise, a deacon today should be a person who does not place supreme value on money and material things.

The sixth chapter of Acts reveals that "the seven" (prototypes of modern deacons) were given the responsibility of distributing material goods to the Greek-speaking Christians of the Jerusalem church. They had some direct responsibility for the handling of the church's budget.

Even today no group exercises as great an influence on the financial program of our churches as our deacons. If all the deacons are titheers and all are generous in their offerings, this is a great encouragement to the congregation. On the other hand, if the church feels that the deacons are miserly in their giving, there is little the pastor can do or say to stimulate sacrificial giving. To a greater extent than they often realize, the deacons in their attitude and example often determine the limits of a church's giving.

I shall never forget one deacon in the church I served as a student several years ago. This deacon was not a rich man; he made his living as a farmer. He was serving as chairman of the deacons when the church burned a few years before I came as pastor. At this time three of his four children were still at home. He knew the church had to rebuild, and he wanted a building which would be adequate for the church's work. He also wanted an attractive building where his children could be trained. This faithful deacon went to the bank and borrowed \$500 to give to the church. This kind of sacrificial giving led the church to build a beautiful building. Today this deacon is proud of the children who were won to Christ and trained in that church.

The Deacon Must Have a Grasp of the Christian Faith and an Obvious Commitment to Christ

Not only should the deacon be a man of Christian character; according to Paul, he must also be "holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience." This means that the deacon must have a grasp of the Christian faith and an obvious commitment to Christ.

It is impossible for a deacon to know the mystery of the faith unless he studies the faith. It is important, therefore, for a deacon to participate in the educational programs of a church. Specifically, a deacon ought to have some convictions about Sunday School and Training Union. Either he is convinced that these organizations are worthwhile, or he is not. If he is, then he ought to be engaged in their life and work. How else can he know the meaning of his faith?

But it is not enough for a deacon simply to study the faith. The faith must become a part of his own experience. He must incorporate the Christian way into his own life. His conscience must bear witness that his convictions and his conduct agree.

The Deacon Should Have Proved Himself to the Congregation

According to Paul, the person considered as a candidate for the deaconship should "first be proved." A man who is elected a deacon must be tested. There must be time for a person to demonstrate that he is not lacking in the essential qualities necessary for this office. If a man tends to be a double-tongued, or if he is given to much wine, or greedy about money, or inconsistent in his profession and his family living, these weaknesses will show up in time. Just as Paul says that no man should be a pastor who is a novice (a new convert), so he cautioned that a deacon ought to be proved.

It is too easy to be influenced by the good personality or the apparent zeal of a person. We must know something about him and about his growth as a Christian. If he fails in these tests, he ought not to be ordained as a deacon. This is what Paul meant when he spoke of such men being "blameless."

The Deacon Must Have a Stable, Exemplary Christian Home Life

Several things should be evident about the deacon's home life. First, Paul said that the deacons' wives must

be "grave, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things." From the choice of words, Paul apparently pictured the deacons' wives as also "visiting in the homes of church members. They would be subject to the same temptations of drink, gossip, and pilfering of church funds as their husbands. Therefore, the wives of deacons should have the same kind of Christian character as their husbands.

Secondly, Paul stated that the deacons, like the pastors, must be the "husbands of one wife." This phrase has been variously interpreted. Some people think that the emphasis is on monogamous marriage (as over against the practices of polygamy and concubinage). Some think that a preference for a married man is implied. Some think that Paul was cautioning against ordaining divorced men as deacons. Paul's concern seemed to be that the leaders of the church set the standards for the church, that they be living examples of what the church teaches. If a man has not learned how to get along with his wife, if he has not succeeded in applying the Chris-

tian gospel in his home, then he has no business being a deacon.

Finally, Paul suggested that those married men who are fathers must "rule their children and their own households well." These are almost the identical words which Paul used in describing the pastor's home life.

It is interesting that most modern translations give the reading "manage" for the "rule" of the King James Version. The word literally means "stand over," but some pastors and deacons have interpreted this to mean tyrannical rule or ruling with an iron hand.

In Ephesians 6:1 Paul said, "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right." The obedience which deacons and other parents are to expect is that which is "in the Lord." The deacon's relationship to his family is determined by his relationship to the Lord. He does not try to play God in his family. He knows that he is not infallible. He depends, rather, upon the strength of his relationship to members of his family and upon the need of his children to be

like him. He wants his children to obey him because they want to obey, not simply because he demands it.

The pastor and the deacons are to manage their households with a healing concern if they expect to manage the church with the same concern. The service of both pastor and deacon requires the skills and patience of a successful father. The primary concern of both is the welfare of the congregation. If they have not demonstrated an ability to manage and care for their own family, they cannot be expected to care for the needs of the church.

The qualifications for a deacon are great, but the rewards for service as a deacon are also great. Paul mentioned two rewards. First, in Paul's words, "They purchase to themselves a good degree." This might be interpreted as, "They gain a good standing for themselves." Paul seems to mean that the deacon who serves sincerely gains a vantage ground to increase his influence for Christ. He gains a spiritual prestige and honor. He is in a position to do more good than ever before.

Secondly, Paul states that deacons gain "great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus." They develop courage and boldness for bearing witness to Christ, and this always brings its own reward. This was true of two of the great witnesses in the New Testament: Stephen and Philip. These two deacons were used mightily of God when the apostles seemed reluctant to accept the concept of a universal gospel. Sometimes the deacons must step out ahead of the pastor.

God give us men such as this today! —From *The Deacon*, October, November, December 1972. Copyright 1972 The Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

(Note: Rev. Joe Thomas is pastor of First Baptist Church, Lebanon Junction, Ky. Native of Magee, Ms., he grew up in Baton Rouge where he was a member of First Baptist Church, and where he graduated from high school and college. He received the Th.M. degree from Southern Seminary. Before going to Lebanon Junction, he was pastor at Kilmichael, Ms. He is married and has two daughters.)

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God Did His Spring Cleaning

God did his spring cleaning,
I really do believe,
He washed the grass and flowers
And even the little leaves.
The air is so refreshing
I know He scrubbed it too,
He scrubbed the sky above us
And made it shiny blue.
You might say it rained
Or God gave the soil a drink,
But God did His spring cleaning
Is really what I think.

—A. Hill

April Weather

Sweet April showers
Do spring May flowers.
—Thomas Tusser (1580)

An April flood
Carries away the frog and
his brood.
When April blows his horn,
It's good for both hay and corn.

The Songbird

She came to sing her song
She sang it so sweetly with
No strains of toil nor strife
She came to sing her song
Perched safely in God's tree
Oh morning of sweet contentment
As she sang her song for me
—Rachel Ainsworth Barr

The Most Beautiful Garden Of All

In the beginning God
The heaven and earth made;
And all things everywhere
His voice and will obeyed.

He made Adam and Eve,
Gave them a beautiful garden,
Overflowing with loveliness,
Just eastward of Eden.

Out of the ground grew every tree
That's pleasant to the sight,
With fruit to eat, as well,
What a paradise of delight!

A river flowed out of Eden;
The waters were then divided
Into four great rivers;
Much water was thus provided.

The first river flowed in the land
Where there was much fine gold,
And lovely onyx stones;
In Genesis Two we are told.

In crystal waters fish did swim,
So graceful and swift in motion,
It was peaceful just to watch them—
A sort of silent devotion.

Of every hue and shade
Did lovely flowers grow
Along the river banks,
Casting shadows below.

Among the trees and branches were
Flowers beautiful and rare,
As if God had painted pictures
For Eve and Adam there.

Along the hills and slopes
Birds flew from tree to tree,
In nature's dress review,
Singing their sweetest melody.

In the garden animals roamed
From giants to very small,
Playful and tame they were;
Eve and Adam loved them all.

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Busy Bee

How doth the little busy
bee
Improve each shining
hour,
And gather honey all the
day
From every opening
flower

How skillfully she builds
her cell!
How neat she spreads
the wax!
And labors hard to store
it well
With the sweet food
she makes.

In works of labor or of
skill!
I would be busy too;
For Satan finds some mis-
chief still
For idle hands to do.

In books, or work, or beau-
tiful play,
Let my first years be
passed,
Some good account at
last.

—Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Midsummer-Night's Dream

I know a bank whereon the wild thyme blows,
Where oxlips and the nodding violet grows,
Quiet over-canopied with luscious woodbine,
With sweet musk-roses, and with eglantine.

—William Shakespeare (1596)

Four Ducks

Four ducks on a pond,
A grass-bank beyond,
A blue sky of spring,
White clouds on the wing;
What a little thing
To remember for years—
To remember with tears!
—William Allingham (1828-1889)

Feet of Clay

A tiny trickle—just a rivulet
Carrying water down a slanted hill—
This it seemed to be.

But I saw more.
In the trickle of water I saw bits of clay.

Then I looked back
Where my idol lay.

A tiny trickle—just a rivulet
Carrying water down a slanted hill—
This it seemed to be.

But I saw more.
In the trickle of water I saw a tear
splash down.

And it came from the heart of me.
—Wilda Fancher

Verse of the Week

The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness
thereof; the world, and they that dwell
therein.

—Psalm 24: 1

Choral Workshop To Feature P. Salamonovich

Oak Forest Church, Jackson, will be the location of a choral workshop featuring renowned church musician and choral conductor Paul Salamonovich on March 30 and 31. The workshop is being sponsored by the Jackson Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

Beginning his singing career in a boys' choir, Mr. Salamonovich has long been associated with the famous Roger Wagner Chorale, of which he has been assistant conductor for 17 years. In addition to his regular conducting activity, he has presented or directed, in 26 states and in Canada, over 200 workshops, summer music camps and choral festivals, including 18 all-state festivals, has guest conducted the Western and Northwest-MENC Convention Honor Choirs, and has appeared at conventions of the American Guild of Organists.

At the workshop planned for Jackson for March 30 and 31, Mr. Salamonovich will cover a group of selected anthems ranging from the contemporary back in time to Schutz. The Friday evening session will be from 7 to 10; the Saturday morning session from 9 'til noon. The fee for either or both sessions will be \$4.00 per person.

A hypocrite at least appreciates goodness enough to imitate it.



Dogwood At Ridgecrest

"O WORSHIP THE LORD IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS," Psalms 96:9. Blooming Dogwood trees at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, Ridgecrest, N. C., serve as an annual reminder for us to be thankful to God for the beauty he provides for our enjoyment. May we always be grateful for the beauty of God's handiwork.

Calvary, Pascagoula, To Honor Mathis Family On 15th Anniversary

Pascagoula's Calvary Church is planning special activities to honor its pastor and his family for fifteen years of service to the church. Rev. Byron E. Mathis, Mrs. Mathis, and their son, Buddy, will be the honored guests at a tea in the church fellowship hall on Sunday, April 1, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

The Mathis family moved to Cal-

vary Church in March, 1958. Since that time, the church has seen steady growth in all areas. Under the ministry of Mr. Mathis, \$37,500 in debt was settled on the first educational unit; a new educational unit has been built, additional property for parking purchased, a pastorium built, an additional staff residence purchased, and the most recent addition, a beautiful new sanctuary, has been constructed.

The Calvary Church has also experienced continuing growth in baptisms and financial stewardship. An extensive day care and kindergarten program has been developed. Two additional staff members have been added.

Mrs. Mathis has worked effectively in the music ministry of the church. She at present is director of the Sanctuary Choir, Ladies Ensemble, and Mixed ensemble. The Sanctuary Choir's presentation of the dramatic musical, "The King Is Coming" has been presented in numerous churches and was developed under the leadership of Mrs. Mathis.

The April 1 date will also honor the three years in evangelism of Buddy Mathis. Buddy has rapidly become one of the most popular young evangelists in America today. He has consistently carried a heavy load of evangelistic crusades while completing his last two years of high school. He is now a freshman at Mississippi College. He will be conducting a week-end crusade at Calvary during the time of the anniversary recognition.

Among other honors, the church will present a book of letters to Rev. and Mrs. Mathis and Buddy. Friends from across the state and nation are being asked to contribute to the book. It is suggested that Buddy's letters be sent separate from those for his parents.

The special day will feature evangelistic services in the morning with Buddy preaching, the afternoon reception, and will be climaxed by the special presentation of the dramatic musical, "The King Is Coming" at the 7:00 p.m. worship hour.

Rev. James V. Miller, has released the following statement: "We invite all friends and acquaintances of the Mathis family to join in making this a day to remember for our pastor, his wife, and Buddy."



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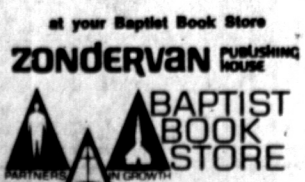


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Names In The News

Dr. Bill Causey, pastor of Parkway Church, Jackson addressed the annual awards dinner of Mississippi Baptist Hospital March 22 at 7 p.m. The dinner recognized 79 hospital employees who have a total of 770 years of service to the hospital, with hospital administrator Paul J. Pryor presenting service award pins. Topping the list of long-time employees are Miss Marion Fosburg and Mrs. Mary Crowell, both Administrative Assistants in Nursing Services and both with 25 years of service. Twenty-year veterans include Mrs. Mary Pigg, Mrs. Marion Starnes, Mrs. Nellie Buckhaultner, Mrs. Lula Henry and Hoover Nunnery, all with Nursing Services, and Esile Travis, Jr., Dietary, and Estell Conley, Building Service.

Dr. David R. Grant, pastor of Broadmoor Church, Jackson, and president, Miss. Baptist Convention, will be evangelist for a 4-day evangelistic emphasis at Oak Park Church, New Orleans, April 8-11. Dr. Joe H. Cothen is pastor. Leading the music for the emphasis will be Hubert Greer, minister of music and education, First Church, Picayune.



AUTOGRAPHED COPY—Maggie Smith of Jackson, student at Mississippi College, receives an autographed copy of *Demons, Demons* from its author, Dr. John Newport (left), Professor of Philosophy of Religion at Southwestern Seminary. Dr. Newport, former pastor of First Church, Clinton, was on campus for a special lectureship series. Dr. W. W. Stevens (right), chairman of the Division of Religion, was coordinator for the program. (M.C. Photo by Bill Strange)

Rev. & Mrs. Lewis I. Myers, Jr., missionaries, may now be addressed at Box 134, Danang, Vietnam. Both Mr. & Mrs. Myers are Mississippians.

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Joy Hurt of Memphis is the newly elected president of the Student Government Association, Blue Mountain College, for 1973-74. Wanda Weatherly of Fulton, Ala., is the choice of Blue Mountain students for presidency of the Baptist Student Union Council. Miss Hurt is shown at left with Miss Weatherly, at right.

Rev. Mike Sutton, pictured, has joined the staff at East McComb Church as associate pastor in the ministries of youth and visitation. Mr. Sutton came from Monticello where he was pastor of the Carmel Church for 2½ years. Previous to this he was associate pastor at First Church, Slidell, La. He is a graduate of Tennessee Temple College (B.A. degree), and New Orleans Seminary (Master of Theology and Master of Religious Education). Mrs. Sutton is the former Anna Belle Smith of Rossville, Ga. She holds a Master's Degree in Guidance and Counseling from the University of Georgia and presently is Director of Guidance for the Lawrence County Schools. The Suttons live at 812 Pearl River Avenue, McComb. Rev. Jimmy McGee is pastor at East McComb.

Dr. William Hooper, Chairman of the Division of Church Music Ministries and Professor of Music Theory at New Orleans Seminary, has received the First Prize Award in the 1973 Jacksonville (Fla.) Delius Festival composition contest. The winning work, *In His Will Is Our Peace*, is based upon a text by the eighteenth century American Quaker preacher and social protestor John Woolman and is scored for high voice, piano, and prepared tape.

Theo E. Sommerkamp, Sr., father of Mrs. Anthony Stella Jr., missionary to Korea, and former missionary associate Theo E. Sommerkamp Jr. who served in Switzerland, died March 4. A funeral service was held March 6 in Tampa, Fla.

Owen Cooper, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, will speak to pastors and deacons during a North Carolina state conference for deacon chairmen April 6-7, at First Church, Charlotte.

John Margus Albert was ordained a deacon at Olivet Church, Gulfport on March 11. Pastor Floyd E. Hughes preached the ordination sermon. Mr. Albert formerly resided in Montegut, La. After a 12-year tour of duty with the U. S. Air Force, including four years at Keesler Air Force Base, he chose Gulfport as home. He is employed with the Naval Construction Battalion in the Fire Prevention Department. He resides on Vada Drive, Gulfport, with his wife, the former Dorothy Gay Parker of Cedar Lake, and foster son, Eugene Noble.



Cecil D. Hyden is available for pastorate. He attended and graduated from Baptist Bible Institute at Graceville, Florida, and Luther Rice Seminary of Jacksonville, Florida in 1971. He served Unity Baptist Church as pastor while attending Baptist Bible Institute. He also served as interim pastor at Silver Beach Baptist Church, Daytona Beach, Florida. He can be contacted at 3428 Fleet Street, Jacksonville, Florida, 32202, Phone 398-1398.



C. D. Hood, right, is shown receiving his credentials of ordination from Rev. Horace Thomas, pastor of Trinity Church, Hood was ordained by Trinity on March 4 before a large audience. He is now pastor of Lakeland Church, Itawamba County.



Rev. and Mrs. Frank Gunn, pictured, and family were honored by First Church, Biloxi, at a reception on March 18 on their first anniversary as pastor of the church. Mr. Gunn moved to Biloxi from the Forest Church of Forest. Much growth has been achieved this first year for pastor and people. The Sunday School attendance has risen to its' highest since before the 1969 hurricane. Total gifts for 1972 were at an all-time high and the Vacation Bible School enrolled a record high number in June. As an expression of love and appreciation, the deacons and their wives honored Mr. and Mrs. Gunn by taking them out to dinner on Friday night. The deacons also presented them with a letter of commendation and appreciation signed by all the active and lifetime deacons.

Paul G. Hill, pictured, is moving to Westside Church, Titusville, Florida, as minister of music and youth. He formerly held a similar position at First Church, Morton, and at Woodlawn, Vicksburg. Mr. Hill is a graduate of BBI at Graceville, Fla. He is married to the former Carol Durant of Tampa. They have four children, Paul, Jr., Laurie, Debbie, and Leslie.

Rev. & Mrs. James L. Kellum Jr., missionaries, may now be addressed at Box 91, Nhatrang, Vietnam. Both are natives of Mississippi.

Six Separate Super Summer 73s Planned

ATLANTA — Super Summer '73, a witnessing training seminar for an expected 1,200 Baptist high school students, will take place on six college campuses this summer.

Sponsored by the youth evangelism office of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Super Summer '73 gives high school students the option of going to the nearest campus for more than two weeks of instruction in witnessing, starting sharing groups, and plain talk on moral issues of today. Super Summer '72 was held for two sessions, drawing 450 students. Planned for high school students

grades 9-12, Super Summer '73 is directed and staffed by Barry St. Clair, head of the youth evangelism office, and six volunteers who are committed to working two years to train people to minister to local high school campuses. These six, all working in Georgia and North Carolina, are Tom Alford, Rod Minor, Linda Harrington, Vicki Walker, Tom Lowry, and Carey Bates.

Furman University at Greenville, S. C. hosted the first Super Summer in 1972 and will host one segment of this year's version July 2-24. Other locations are Richmond University at Richmond, Va., June 17 - July 3; University of Kentucky, Lexington, Ky., June 21 - July 6; Baylor University, Waco, Tex., July 6-22; William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo., August 5-21; and Bethany College, Oklahoma City, Okla., August 5-21.

For more information on registration, write Barry St. Clair at the Home Mission Board, 1350 Spring Street NW, Atlanta, Ga., 30309. Deadline for registration is May 1.

Spring Youth Bible Conference Cancelled

NASHVILLE — The Spring Youth Bible Conference, scheduled for April 16-20, at Ridgcrest, N. C., Baptist Conference Center has been cancelled, according to Franklin Farmer, supervisor of the youth section, Sunday School department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

Because of unusual school situations, plus conflicting activities, it has been discovered that it is impossible for many youth to attend.

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God Speaks Through The Man Christ Jesus

By Clifton J. Allen

John 1:1-8, 14-18; Acts 10:34-43;
Hebrews 1:1-4

God's dealings with men from the beginning of time were aimed at making himself known that men might trust him, worship him, and serve him. But his words and works throughout the Old Testament times were not enough. He spoke fully and finally through the coming of his Son. God has spoken in Jesus Christ the ultimate and final word of truth. In the fullness of time, "the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us." And in the man Christ Jesus, and in his teachings in the New Testament, God has spoken the word of salvation, has declared the way of righteousness, has revealed the way of love, and has made known the true meaning of life.

The Lesson Explained Christ the Revelation

From of old God spoke in many and various ways through the prophets. They declared the word of the Lord, affirming his purposes and promises, sounding out his warnings, and trying to impress the meaning of his acts of mercy and judgment, but the prophets were limited in their understanding. With the appearing of Jesus Christ, God spoke the absolute and ultimate word, the fullness of truth, the living reality of his own perfect being. It was now possible to know who God is, what God is like, and how God feels toward the people of the world. The writer emphasized his affirmation by declaring seven things about the Son: He is heir of all things; he created the world; he is the effulgence of God's glory; he is the stamp of God's substance; he sustains the universe; he made purification for sin; he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high. He is therefore superior to angels and ruler over all things.

Christ The Eternal Logos

(John 1:1-8)
The Prologue of the Gospel is another majestic affirmation of God's self-disclosure through his Son. The writer declares first the eternity of Christ. He had always existed; he is eternal, as God is eternal. He is called the Word or the Logos. Emphasis is thus placed on the fact that he was the medium of God's communication. He was the expression of God and the revelation of God as reason, as wisdom, as truth. He was the content of what God wanted to say to mankind. From eternity, the Word was with God, face to face with God, on an equality with God, and therefore in perfect communication with God. Actually, the Word was God.

Therefore, the nature and character of God were revealed through the incarnation of his Son. He was the agent of the Godhead in creation. Also, he is the source of life and light. His life in man is the explanation of man's spiritual nature and the source of his moral judgment and competence. Through his incarnation the light of the eternal God burst upon the earth to drive back the darkness of evil and ignorance and superstition and unbelief.

Christ Incarnate In Flesh

(John 1:14-18)
The eternal Logos became the living Word on earth in the likeness of man. The mystery we cannot explain. The fact we accept and affirm as historically, irrevocably true. The Christ of God became Jesus of Nazareth. He dwelt among us. He thus brought God near to us, down to our level, and made God approachable. In reality, God came in Christ to approach sinful man, to try to break down man's enmity, to reconcile man to himself. The Son was thus the perfect expression of God's grace and truth. The

glory of God was revealed in the person of his Son, so that perfect holiness and perfect love and absolute truth were made known to men through the living Word in our midst. The law had not been adequate either to reveal God or to guide man in the right way. But grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. We know the truth about God through him, and the truth about ourselves. Through Christ we receive the forgiving, liberating, saving grace of God.

Truths to Live By

God came in Christ. — This truth is so crucial. We cannot over-emphasize it. We are tempted to take the words as a cliché, a sort of religious generalization. But there is staggering reality in the fact that God actually came into this world in his living Son. He was called Jesus. Jesus declared that he came from heaven, that he was sent by the Father, and that he would return to the Father. Something so wonderful as that surely means that the whole of human history and the destiny of all peoples on earth and the purpose of

God in the universe converge upon and find meaning and fulfillment in the earthly life and death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

God speaks through Christ to our deepest needs. — Something at the deepest levels of human experience cries out for a sure word about the meaning of existence, about life after death, about how to find God, about how to escape from the burden of moral guilt, about the problem of human struggle, and about the destiny of humanity. Philosophy does not supply the answer. Science does not supply a satisfying answer. History provides no answer of hope. We would be completely baffled, shut up to the misery of cynical unbelief and hopeless despair, if God has not spoken through Christ. God has spoken that word in Christ.

The written Word tells us about the living Word. — The inspired and authoritative revelation, the clear and convincing testimony, the wondrous and exciting story of the salvation of God in Christ is to be found in the

New Testament. If we are willing to hear the word from God, if we really want to know the meaning and instruction of the word spoken by God through the Son, we must study the written Word and follow the living Word.

Mississippi Woman Named To Faculty At Assemblies

Waudine Storey, Girls in Action and Mission Friends director of Mississippi WMU, has been named as a conference leader for the Woman's Missionary Union national summer assemblies.

Miss Storey will lead a conference for the Girls in Action workers at the Gloria WMU conference July 26 - August 1.

She will lead a conference for Action directors, GA directors, and Mission Friends directors at Ridgecrest conference the week of August 9-15.

Blue Mountain Lady Chosen

"Mother Of Year"

Mrs. Wardie Mae Cossitt Newcomb, pictured, who grew up in the Flat Rock Community southwest of Blue Mountain, has been named Mississippi's Mother of the Year.

the wife of Nolen Newcomb, retired maintenance superintendent at Blue Mountain College, and deacon at Lowry Memorial Church. They are the parents of eight children and grandparents of 12.

Mrs. Newcomb was a lunchroom supervisor at Blue Mountain High School for 20 years. She is Social Chairman for Lowry Memorial Church and coordinates the church suppers, banquets, etc. there.

Mrs. Newcomb will go to New York in May to compete with mothers from each state for National Mother of the Year.

Another Blue Mountain lady, Mrs. May Hall Buchanan, captured the title in 1952.

Baptists Of Spain

Create Press Service

Release of the first issue of a news and information exchange among Spanish Baptists is scheduled for February.

Juan Torras, pastor in Valencia, has been named by the Spanish Baptist Union to be in charge of its new 'Servicio de Prensa Bautista.'—EBPS.

Humanity is what you are apt to recognize in some people if you have some yourself.

Vice of any kind must become respectable before it is dangerous.

of the Bible: What if there were only one kind of song in the hymn book? What if there were only one kind of preacher? What if the wind only blew in one direction or if only one kind of vegetable grew in the garden? What if everyone ate the same food and everyone looked just alike? Now aren't you glad that everyone doesn't see things exactly as you?

There is room for diversity in our churches. The best church's where people are not all alike but where are all trying to follow the same Lord. These diverse principles and they were not alike. Even twins are different. But the body of Christ is wonderful.

Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

The Church: One Body, Many Members

I Corinthians 12:1-27

By Bill Duncan

A favorite term or name of Paul for the church was the body of Christ. This analogy can be taken too literally but it cannot be taken too seriously. Paul never called the church a "body of Christians." It is always "a body of Christ," to stress the oneness of Christ and his people. Paul saw that the persecution of the Christians was the persecution of Christ. Jesus taught that what good we do to individuals we do to him. In the first chapter of I Corinthians, Paul said to divide the church was like dividing Christ. Yet it is important that we be careful in the analogy not to stress that the church is Christ.

In the reality of the body of Christ, Paul pointed to Christ the head from whom the body draws its life, by whom it is co-ordinated and nourished. The goal of redemption is the building up of the body of Christ which is the people of God.

The term, "body of Christ," also stresses the unity of the body with

all its members. Both diversity and unity belong to the nature of the body. The unity is based upon the common life and Lord that each member has. The members are all different but with one purpose the church can survive. All the members do not have the same function but all are going in the same direction. Thus a church becomes a body of those who are brought together through their love for Christ and for the purpose of demonstrating their love by obedience to Him.

The church is the Body of Christ and the characteristic of a healthy body is that every part in it performs its own function for the good of the whole. The Corinthians were very talented with many gifts. Each gift is not for the glory of the individual member of the church, but for the glory of the whole. It was Paul's belief that any special ability was given by the Holy Spirit and must be used in the service of God. The modern church has interpreted the word talent to mean music or such and has failed to realize that special gifts could be like speaking, praying, working with one's hands, which comes from God. The painter can be used by God as well as the soloist for the betterment of the body of Christ.

From the list of gifts, one gets the picture of a church very much alive. Things were happening. As one looks at the list of gifts he can learn much about the character and work of the church. (1) Wisdom — the knowledge of God which comes by communion concerning the deep things of God (2) Knowledge — the practical application in human life and affairs of the wisdom of God (3) Faith — the power of belief that turns vision into deeds (4) Healing — the ability to treat man as a whole with spiritual powers (5) Wonderful deeds of Power — the ministry to the mind diseased and disturbed (6) Prophecy — the act of speaking forth the mind and will of God (7) Discernment — the ability to determine what was real and from God and that which comes from the Devil (8) Tongues — in the state of ecstasy and unintelligible sound of no known language supposed to be the direct influence of the Spirit (9) Interpretation — the ability to give the reason or thought that the person of tongues might have said. Paul never questioned the reality of the gift of tongues but did point out the dangers of the misuse of the gift. Paul put more importance on other gifts and so we should.

The picture of the church as the body of Christ which shows unity is only possible when each fulfills its proper role. A body is only healthy when each part functions perfectly, when the parts of the body are not jealous of each other, and do not covet each others functions.

The church ought to exist just like a body. (1) We, as believers, need to realize that we need each other. The church needs the work of each of its members. We cannot become so engrossed in one part of the work that we neglect or run down someone else. (2) We, as believers, need to respect each other, one with the same importance as the other. Whenever we begin to think of our own importance in the Christian church, the possibility of really Christian work is gone. (3) We, as believers, need to feel good about each other. If one part of the body is affected all the others feel it. They suffer in sympathy because they cannot help doing so. The person who cannot see beyond their part of an organization has never grasped the reality of the church.

The next time you wish the church would do just what you want to do, think about the following question: What if there were only one version

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Yes ☐ No ☐

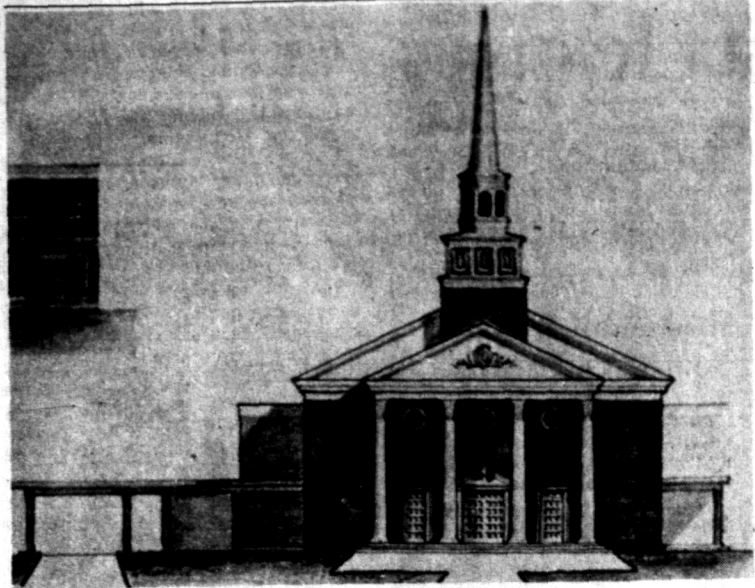
If so, give details stating persons affected, cause, date, name and address of attending physician and whether fully recovered.

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West Heights Building Sanctuary

West Heights Church, Pontotoc voted recently to accept a bid from W. L. Howell and Sons of Philadelphia for \$302,248.40 for the construction of a new building. The building will consist of a sanctuary with seating capacity of 503, a pastor's study, church office, office for the minister of music, music library, choir rehearsal room, and robing rooms. Construction has already begun. Warren McCleskey of Hattiesburg is architect. Rev. Gerald P. Buckley is pastor.



Phillipston Church Out Of Debt

Phillipston Church (Leflore) held a noteburning service March 18. The church and youth center are now debtfree for the first time in the church's history. Standing, left to right, are the pastor, Rev. Bob Mathis, Bob Smith, deacon, Bud Messer, chairman of deacons, and R. V. Teal, deacon.

'Living Bible' America's Best-Seller In '72

NEW YORK (RSN) — The Living Bible, a "paraphrase" by Dr. Kenneth Taylor, was America's best-selling book in 1972.

It tops the non-fiction list issued by Publishers Weekly on the basis of sales by one distributor, Doubleday, over only the last four months of the year.

When the sales of Tyndale House, a firm headed by Dr. Taylor, are added, The Living Bible outstripped all other books, including Jonathan Livingston Seagull, the best-selling fiction work.

Doubleday sold 757,216 copies of the paraphrase in the trade book category from September 1972 until the end of the year. Tyndale House sold 5 million copies, in several editions, over the year.

Mrs. Louie Farmer Dies In Hattiesburg

Services were at 3 p.m. Thursday, March 15, at the Baptist Student Center at USM for Mrs. Mildred M. Farmer, 55, of 510 Timothy Lane, Hattiesburg, who died early March 14 at Forrest General Hospital, after a lengthy illness.

Dr. John E. Barnes, Dr. Brooks Wester, Rev. Kermit McGregor, and Rev. Ralph Winders officiated.

Mrs. Farmer was the wife of Rev. Louie Farmer, Jr., director of the Baptist Student Union at USM, and assisted her husband with many activities there. A native of Texas, she had lived in Hattiesburg for 19 years and was a member of Main Street Baptist Church, Hattiesburg.

Before moving to Hattiesburg, Mr. and Mrs. Farmer were at Clark College from 1946 to 1954, where he was Baptist student director.

Survivors are her husband, a daughter, Mrs. Reva Daniel of Clinton; a granddaughter, Marianne Daniel of Clinton; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Melton of Waco, Tex., a sister, Mrs. Joyce Dunn of Waco; a niece, and a nephew.

Further Report On Mrs. Duane Ivey

A recent issue of the Record carried a story about Mrs. Duane Ivey, home missionary in New Jersey, who was involved in a serious automobile accident last fall.

Mrs. Ivey was to have undergone a sixth operation on her legs on February 17. However, she did not, as she became painfully ill about that time with blood clots on her lungs, caused from the condition of her legs. The clots now seem to be under control.

The first week of March the doctors discovered that she had a broken neck and had had since the wreck in November. New X-rays had revealed this fact. Though her neck has now almost healed, Mrs. Ivey is wearing a collar brace. The doctor told her that God had been watching out for her, for with an undiagnosed broken neck she had been moved countless times and gone through five operations on her legs. She was to go home for one week and then return to the hospital for four to six weeks of therapy on her legs.

Her son, Randal, now has the cast off his leg but still uses crutches. The doctor has opened his mouth so that he can start eating soft food (his mouth had been closed since the accident because of a broken jaw and other facial injuries.)

The Iveys' address is 14 Shorebrook Circle, Neptune, N. J. 07753.



Belden (Lee) Burns Building Note

Belden Church, Lee Association, held a noteburning service February 4. The new church was completed and dedicated June 1964 and the complete indebtedness was retired January 1973. The noteburning service was led by Rev. Horace Thomas who was pastor of the church during the construction of the building. Pictured are, front row, left to right, Rev. Banks Hardy, present pastor, and Billy Roper, Second row, Joe Dickerson, E. A. Edge, Jr. Purvie Harlow, Bill Rial, Rev. Horace Thomas, Dan Golding, Robert Kent, Leonard Boyd, and Marshall Clayton.

Devotional

Jesus Is Coming Again!

By W. C. Burns, Pastor, First Church, Ellenville

If we believe that Jesus is coming again, this belief must affect our behavior. Luke 12:43 says — "Blessed is that servant, whom His Lord when he cometh shall find so doing." I John 2:28 says "And now little children, abide in him; that when we shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before Him at His coming." In 2 Peter 3, we have several characteristics or marks of the Christian in whose life the truth of Christ's return is a practical hope.



I. IF WE BELIEVE THAT CHRIST IS COMING SOON, we shall live lives that are Christ-like, holy, blameless and God-glorifying. (II Peter 3:14).

II. IF WE BELIEVE THAT JESUS IS COMING AGAIN SOON, we shall be far more interested in the world to come than in this world (II Peter 3:13).

III. IF WE BELIEVE THAT JESUS IS COMING AGAIN SOON, we should be deeply concerned for those who are not ready to meet Him (II Peter 3:9).

IV. IF WE BELIEVE THAT JESUS IS COMING AGAIN SOON, we will be busy spreading the Good News (II Peter 3:17).

V. IF WE BELIEVE THAT JESUS IS COMING AGAIN SOON, we shall want to grow in grace (II Peter 3:18).

Oh, in a day when it seems no one cares, let us look forward to the One who really cares, "JESUS THE CHRIST."

As we look for His immediate return, my prayer is that "we would all be ready."

American Church, Paris, Is Honored

Dr. Edwin H. Tuller, pastor of the American Church in Paris, received the silver medal of the City of Paris on December 3, following regular Sunday morning worship services. Edouard Frederic - Dupont, conseiller de Paris, presented the award, which is in recognition of the church's community activities in the city's 7th Arrondissement, where the church is situated.—E.B.P.S.

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Oakvale Church: April 2-8; Rev. Julian Burt, Long Beach, evangelist; Rev. Clayton Mason, pastor and song leader; services at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Sandersville (Jones): March 30 - April 1: Rev. Bruce Hilbun of Laurel, evangelist; Kenneth Culpepper, music director at Sandersville in charge of music; services at 7:30 p.m. except Sunday when at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Rev. Horace Carpenter, pastor.

First Ellenville: April 8-13 at 7 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Dale Palmer, associate pastor, Bellevue, Memphis, evangelist; Clyde Greer, minister of music, First, Ellenville, in charge of music; Rev. W. C. (Buddy) Burns, pastor.

First Church, Summit: April 1 - 6; Rev. Odean Puckett, pastor, Parkview Church, Alexandria, La., evangelist; Ken Miller, minister of music and youth, Temple Church, Memphis, Tenn., music evangelist; Rev. Larry W. Fields, pastor; services Sunday 11 a.m.; 7:00 p.m.; Monday - Friday 7 a.m., 7 p.m.

Corinth (Lamar): April 1-6; services 7 p.m.; Rev. Williams F. (Bill) Williams, associate pastor, First, Columbia, evangelist; Clark Measels, Corinth minister of music and student at Carey College, singer; Rev. David R. Wilkinson, brother of evangelist, pastor.

Longview (Oktibbeha): April 1 - 7; Rev. Doyle Robertson, pastor, Eldorado, Arkansas, evangelist; Rev. Dan Robertson, pastor of Pleasant Ridge, Oktibbeha County, music director; Rev. Wayne Sanders, pastor; services 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Student Conference - - -

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lead Bible study at each session. Music director will be Charles Red, minister of music, First Baptist Church, Long Beach.

Conference highlight will be conducted at the opening Monday evening session in the form of a drama, entitled "The People Versus Christ."

It will be produced by special arrangements with Baker's Plays, Boston. The cast will include Dr. R. Raymond Lloyd, pastor, and Ted Hayes, minister of youth education, First Baptist Church, Starkville, and Miss Barbara Houston, of Mississippi State University.

Other workshop leaders will be Mr. Red; Miss Frances Shaw, director of Baptist Young Women, State Baptist WMU; Mr. Winders, and Dr. Phillips R. McCarty, associate professor of Bible and religious education, Mississippi College.

Other features will include a business session, the election of officers,



From left: David White, chairman of deacons; Rev. James A. Ruffin, pastor; M. J. Harden, minister of education; and Glenwood Bustin, chairman of evangelism committee compose the leadership for the outreach program at Poplar Springs Drive Church.

Meridian Church Launches 'Adult Thrust'

The Poplar Springs Drive Church in Meridian has launched an outreach program, "Adult Thrust," with the four men in photo above in the place of leadership.

The Sunday School Teachers and Officers have been carrying into each home copies of the booklet of scriptures "Touched by the Fire." This is the gospels of Luke through Acts as published for the "key '73" endeavor. Over 1000 copies will have been distributed.

Resigns At Zion Rest

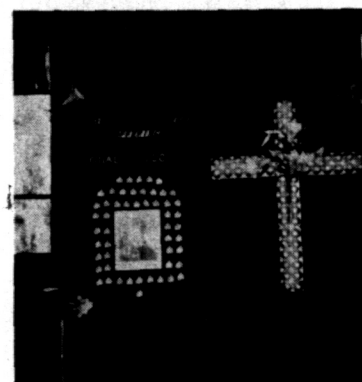
Rev. Eugene E. Bradley, pastor, Zion Rest Church, Waynesboro, has resigned. Zion Rest during his four years of ministry, went from half-time to a full - time church, and the Lord added to the church five by faith, four by letter and one by statement.

A new roof was put on the church and new window panes in the Sunday School rooms. A new well was put down for water to the church and to the pastorium. New items of furnishing were bought for the pastorium and Sunday school. Improvements were made to the cemetery and church grounds.

Mr. Bradley received his religious education through Emory University, Atlanta, Ga. and his pastoral training through the Seminary Extension Center of the Southern Baptist Convention. He is available for supply work or revivals and - or pastoral work. He may be contacted at Route 5, Box 57, Pascagoula, Ms. 39567.

March 11-18, the church held a series of revival services with Pastor Ruffin bringing the messages and J. B. Betts, music evangelism minister from Southaven leading the music. The revival climaxed Sunday night, March 18.

Other phases of the Adult Thrust program will be launched in coming months: April; People to People Enrollment; May; Magnifying the Christian Home and June; Vacation Bible School.



Over The Offering Goal

"Our \$200 goal for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions was exceeded by quite a lot, we are glad to announce," reports Rev. J. W. Owen, Harmony Church, Route 2, Pontotoc. The unusual goal board they used at Harmony is pictured above.

Revival Dates

Calvary, Tupelo: March 25-30; Dr. Grady Cothen, president, New Orleans Seminary, evangelist; Martha Brannam, well-known evangelistic singer, guest soloist; Dr. Bob Ramsay, pastor.

Petal - Harvey: March 25 - 30; services 7 p.m.; Rev. Jerry Henderson, pastor; Rev. Lilbourns McCollough, First, Bastrop, La., evangelist; John Thomas, music director at Shadowlawn, Mobile, Ala., song leader.

Mountain Creek, Florence: "old-time" revival; April 1-8; Rev. Vance H. Dyess, pastor, evangelist; Mrs. Shirley Dyess, office secretary, Stewardship Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, song leader; Mrs. Belinda Taylor, pianist; Mrs. Sydnett Bishop, organist; services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Sundays and 7:30 p.m. during week.

Mt. Zion, Independence: April 1-8; Rev. Roy Myers, pastor, evangelist; Perry Robinson, minister of music at First, Columbus, will direct music; Sunday service at regular time; week day services at 10:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Pascagoula, Calvary: March 30-April 1; Buddy Mathis, evangelist in a Buddy Mathis Crusade; services at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and at 11 a.m. Sunday; Gospel singer, Larry Ford, soloist; Rev. James Miller in charge of the music. At 7 p.m. Sunday, the Sanctuary Choir will present an original dramatic musical entitled, "The King Is Coming." Rev. Byron E. Mathis, is pastor

Union (Rankin): April 1-6; services at 7:30 p.m.; Rev. J. C. Renfro, evangelist; Rev. J. T. Pannell, pastor.

"Call 73" At Carey

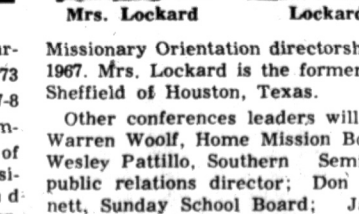
Governor Waller To Be One Of Speakers For Christian Vocational Conference



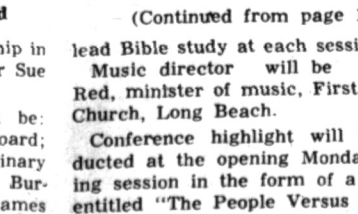
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Four of fifteen outstanding featured speakers for the annual CALL '73 CONFERENCE to be held April 7-8 on the William Carey College campus include Governor Bill Waller of Mississippi; Dr. Grady Cothen, president of New Orleans Seminary; and Dr. and Mrs. David Lockard, Foreign Mission Board orientation directors.

Call '73, a Christian vocational conference for dedicated high school students, begins at 9 a.m. on Saturday, April 7, and continues through lunch on Sunday, April 8. Dr. Cothen will be the morning worship preacher on Sunday. Governor Waller will address the entire group on "The Christian in Politics," while Dr. and Mrs. Lockard will lead four individual conferences on opportunities in foreign missions. The Lockards served for fourteen years as missionaries in Rhodesia, Africa, before assuming the

Missionary Orientation directorship in 1967. Mrs. Lockard is the former Sue Sheffield of Houston, Texas.

Other conference leaders will be: Warren Woolf, Home Mission Board; Wesley Pattillo, Southern Seminary public relations director; Don Burnett, Sunday School Board; James Hayes, minister of music, First Church, Hattiesburg; Miss Ethel McKeithen, minister of education, Temple Church, Hattiesburg; Dr. Graham Hales, Chaplain, USM; Rev. E. N. Wilkinson, minister, Gulfport; Malcolm Stuart, youth director, Main Street Church, Hattiesburg; Rev. Leon Young, Associational missionary, Lauderdale Association; Miss Mary Evelyn Collins, drama, William Carey College; Dr. Jack Daniels, counseling and guidance professor, USM; Mrs. Shirley Morrison, dean of Carey School of Nursing; and Rev. Roy Collum, Director of Evangelism, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Owen Cooper - - -

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group which conducts the business of the denomination between its annual sessions.

He also has served as first vice-president of the convention, president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, moderator of the Yazoo County Baptist Association, and president of the Pan - American Union of Baptist Men.

In civic affairs, Cooper has been chairman of the board of Mississippi Action for Progress Inc., a bi - racial group sponsoring Head Start and other poverty programs in Mississippi.

He also has served as president of the board of Mississippi Industrial and Special Services Inc., another non-profit anti - poverty group with a bi-racial board.

Cooper also has been president of the state YMCA organization in Mississippi, president of the Mississippi Economic Council (the State's Chamber of Commerce), chairman of the board for Mississippi Blue Cross, and a board member for the National Association of Manufacturers.

A native of Warren County, Cooper is a graduate of Mississippi State College and the University of Mississippi, with bachelor and master's degrees. He was awarded an honorary doctor of letters degree by Mississippi College.

Cooper organized and built a farmers' cooperative into the multi - million - dollar fertilizer - manufacturing complex which is the Mississippi Chemical Corporation.

The annual meeting of the Mississippi Religious Leadership Council also will honor Mrs. Charlie Collins Harvey, of Jackson, for her role as a religious leader on a national and global scale.

Mrs. Harvey is the national president of Church Women United, through which President of Church Women United, through which Protestant, Orthodox and Roman Catholic women mobilize around common goals to express their religious faith in action.

In addition, the conference will recognize Rabbi Perry Nusbaum, rabbi of the Beth Israel Congregation of Jackson since 1954, who will retire from the active ministry on June 30.

The chairman of the Mississippi Religious Leadership Conference, the Rt.

reports from the campuses, missions and 1973 summer missionaries, campus altars and a summer missions offering.

The conference will open Friday evening at 7:00 o'clock and adjourn at noon Sunday.

Off The Record

At a function George Bernard Shaw was attending he had been bored to death by the ceaseless conversation of a man who was trying to impress him. Eventually the man paused for a moment.

"You know," Shaw quickly observed, "between the two of us we know everything there is to know."

"How's that?" asked the man. "Well," replied Shaw, "you seem to know everything except that you're a bore. And I know that!"

A dejected coach entered a telephone booth after losing out in the recent high school basketball tournament. When he discovered he didn't have a dime, he called to a passing student, "Hey, Tom, lend me a dime so I can call a friend."

Cringing, the student pulled a dime from his pocket and handed the coach two dimes. "Here's twenty cents, Coach. Call all your friends." —American Opinion, 2-73.

A neighbor's little boy came to my kitchen door and smelling a delectable aroma, asked what I was cooking. "Baking a lemon meringue pie," I answered. The little fellow disappeared, but presently returned and asked, "What did you say is the pie's middle name?" — Family Weekly

Sorry, we don't have potted geraniums," the clerk said, and then added helpfully, "Could you use African violets?"

"No," replied the husband sadly. "It was geraniums my wife told me to water while she was gone." —American Salesman.

Rev. John M. Allin, D. D., Episcopal Bishop of Mississippi, will preside at the meeting to be held at Ramona Northgate restaurant.

Addressing the banquet at 6:30 p.m. will be Bishop H. Ellis Finger Jr., Nashville, Tenn., Bishop of the United Methodist Church in Tennessee, and humorist Jerry Clower, of Yazoo City.

Another feature of the meeting will be an open - to - the - public panel discussion, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., of Jewish - Christian relations. Presiding will be the Rev. Henry C. Clay Jr., D. D., superintendent of the Jackson District of the United Methodist Church.